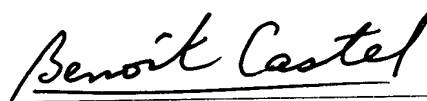


REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are amended to eliminate reference numerals and multiple dependency and to make other minor changes in accordance with preferred U.S. format. No new matter is added. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is in order, and an early and favorable first action on the merits is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicant hereby requests any required extension of time not otherwise requested and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any prescribed fee not otherwise provided for, including application processing, extension, and extra claims fees, to Deposit Account No. 25-0120.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benoît Castel". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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